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1. IN REPRESENTATION MADE TODAY, DCM CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL WITH E. P. BLACK, DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, EXTAFF, EMPHASIZING DESIRABILITY OF BRINING SPAIN MORE CLOSELY INTO NORTH ATLANTIC POLITICAL AND MILITARY FRAMEWORK WITH SOME ALLIED PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF SPAIN'S IMPORTANCE TO WESTERN DEFENSE.

2. BLACK RESPONDED THAT GOC RECOGNIZED IMPORTANT OF US-SECRET

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SPANISH MILITARY COOPERATION, BUT WAS NEGATIVE ON OTHER

ASPECTS OF BRINGING SPAIN INTO CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO. HE CITED ARTICLE XII OF OTTAWA DECLARATION RE-AFFIRMING ALLIES' DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. SPAIN DID NOT QUALIFY AS DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. AT PRESENT MOMENT, WITH DIVISIVE DISPUTES FACED BY NATO (E.G., GREECE VS TURKEY), IT WAS NOT MOMENT TO INTRODUCE OTHERS. ATTITUDE OF PORTUGAL WAS SERIOUS FACTOR ITSELF, SINCE IT WOULD NOT AGREE TO NATO DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT. PORTUGAL WOULD NOT EVEN ATTEND SUMMIT IF PRESIDENT WERE TO VISIT MADRID. IF SUMMIT WERE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND SOLIDARITY, THEN ANOTHER DIVISIVE ELEMENT HAD TO BE AVOIDED.

3. BLACK SAID KEY WAS TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT OF PEOPLES OF NATO COUNTRIES AND ANY SPANISH CONNECTION REMAINED A PUBLIC PROBLEM IN NORTHERN TIER COUNTRIES. IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO BUGTRESS NATO AS AN ALLIANCE PARTICULARLY WHEN IT WAS SO INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING AND DEVELOPING DETENTE. WE COULD ONLY SUFFER BY RAISING DOUBTS ABOUT NATO AMONG ALLIED POPULATIONS. WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS REFERRING TO CANADA, HE SAID IT WOULD BE PROBLEM HERE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS SPEAKING PRIMARILY ABOUT EUROPEANS.

4. REFERRING AGAIN TO PORTUGAL, BLACK SAID NOW WAS TIME WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE IT NOT TO GO FROM RIGHT TO LEFT-WING TOTALITARIAN REGIME, BUT TO ENCOURAGE DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT. IT WAS ANOMALOUS NOW TO CONSIDER LINKING ITS NON-DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBOR IN SOME FORMAL ASSOCIATION WITH NATO.

5. BLACK SAID PROBLEM WAS COMPREHENSIVE ONE FOR WESTERN EUROPE, INVOLVING FAR MORE THAN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS. MEMORIES OF FRANCO'S RECORD WERE VERY LONG. OF COURSE WHEN EUROPEAN CONSENSUS SHOULD CHANGE, CANADA WOULD REASSESS SITUATION. BLACK REPORTED THAT EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN WOULD BE STOPPING IN LISBON TO MAKE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT THERE FOLLOWING HIS CURRENT TRIP TO AFRICA. JOHNSON

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